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When they were winged, the animal extended its wings, and the wings were something similar to the wings of a bat, and were almost transparent. Each wing, when extended, must have had a surface of at least one hundred and forty feet. With their aid the animal leaped over a fence seven feet high. It was at this point that the snake became lost to view, and only his trail was discernible in the tall reeds. Both the Rev. Mr. Alberty and farmer Miller are reputable, honest and truth-loving persons, who stand high in the community.

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